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EDUCATORS, OTHER PROFESSIONALS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN IMPROVEMENT PLAN

SHASTA COUNTY - The Children's Services Branch of the Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency conducts a self-assessment and improvement plan, or SIP, every five years. In the past, our staff has worked with community partners as part of the assessment to get a comprehensive evaluation of how we are doing when it comes to our primary goal of caring for the children and families in our community.

This year, that effort is being taken a step further by publicly inviting even more community members to take part in the process. While we have often received feedback from caregivers, we are extending the invitation to educators, including teachers and administrators, school psychologists and nurses. Law enforcement representatives and other organizations who provide services to children and families in the child welfare system are also welcome. "We know that these types of professionals often have frequent contact with children in the child welfare system and we think their observations will be very valuable," said Children's Services Branch Director Dianna Wagner.

During the meeting, groups will closely look at how communication between those involved with our system (parents, children, family, staff and community) can be improved. Discussion will include recent policy implementations and their effectiveness as well as next steps. While not an "open" meeting, questions and feedback from those in attendance are invited.

The meeting will be held Thursday, November 3, from 10 am to noon in the McFall Resource and Training Room at 1628 Market Street.

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